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The 56th Annual National Quartet Convention Celebrates
20 Years at the Kentucky Exposition Center

LOUISVILLE, KY (September 3, 2013) – One of Christian music's largest events, the National Quartet Convention is celebrating its 20th and final year in Louisville this September.

Approximately 40,000 gospel music fans, representing 40 states and multiple foreign countries, are registered for this year's 56th annual convention. Featuring more than 550 exhibitors and nearly 300 Southern Gospel artists, the National Quartet Convention is expected to generate \$7.96 million of economic impact.

Many of the most popular names in gospel music will perform, including The Gaither Vocal Band, The Hoppers, The Kingdom Heirs, Gold City and Greater Vision. The National Quartet Convention is the only event where gospel fans can buy music, videos, and apparel as well as see all their favorite artists in one location. There will be showcases, seminars, speakers, including keynote speakers Dr. David Jeremiah and Johnny Hunt, worship services and concerts daily.

Nightly concerts will be held in Freedom Hall. Tickets prices range from \$15-\$29 for individual evening concerts and multi-day concert packages are also offered. Tickets can be bought online at <https://www.itickets.com/order/new/297099>. Artists will also perform in afternoon showcases in the East Hall and Freedom Hall. Tickets for showcases are \$10 and \$20 and can be purchased online at <https://www.itickets.com/order/new/303980>.

The convention is open Sunday, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. -11:30 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The National Quartet Convention was founded by former Elvis Presley backup singer, J.D. Sumner. Over the years the event has grown to encompass a variety of Gospel recording artists, including quartets, trios and soloists.

For more information, visit <http://natqc.com>.

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One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle. For more information, go online to www.kyexpo.org.